

Sirs:

I am against the removal of the CW requirement for amateur licensing, and am in favor of not changing the present licensing requirements.

CW has a proud history. Since Marconi's first message until the present CW has been a part of worldwide communications activity.

Additionally it should be recognized that CW is the most powerful form of modulation. CW communications will be possible when all others fail.

I do not have any objection to a reduction of the space allocated for CW Only operation, however recommend that some space be retained for CW and TTY operation.

Presently although CW operators can transmit anywhere in the bands, the vast majority stay in the allocated CW frequencies as a courtesy. Head to head a CW transmission will prevail over a voice (SSB or AM) signal. The virtual absence of bandwidth of a CW signal allows the operator to utilize very selective filtering of all other

signals, However a voice operator must allow a wide enough bandwidth to intelligently receive a transmission. A CW transmission adjacent to or on a voice transmission can make reception very difficult.

In conclusion I believe that the present 5 WPM requirement is beneficial to all, licensees new and old alike.

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